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SECURITY INFORMATION

27 February 1953

Mr. Leo A. Hordan
Far East Regional Director,
Foreign Buildings Operations,
U. S. Consulate General
Hong Kong, B. C. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to conferences of 16 October 1952 and 3 November 1952, and to FBS-DOS correspondence relative to acquisition of land on Okinawa for use by Department of State and the Foreign Broadcast Information Service.

As you will recall FBS is to be allocated the approximately 22 acres on Kadena Air Base now occupied by FBS housing units. In addition a site in the Sobe area has been set aside for joint FBS-Army Signal Corps use in construction of new operations buildings and antenna fields for both services. FBS would like to acquire title to that part of this new area to be occupied by FBS, and I am advised by the Rysons Signal Officer that he would also like to see the entire site acquired in fee simple or long-term lease.

Although Mr. Charles W. Brennan has been highly cooperative and helpful in attempting to keep this organization advised concerning the status of this Okinawa land acquisition project, FBS has received no direct information to date as to progress being made.

It would be desirable for FBS to be advised as soon as possible as to approximate date that acquisition may be effected, approximate cost to FBS, etc., in order that funds may be obtained and other necessary administrative details accomplished.

It would therefore be appreciated if you would provide me with complete, up-to-date information relative to this matter at your earliest convenience.

With thanks for this favor and for your kind and efficient help in the past I remain,

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Sincerely yours,


Bureau Chief

cc: Chief FBIS
DOS Representative, Okinawa

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